

Senate Asks Delay In Reapportionment

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SACRAMENTO—From all indications, there will be no reapportionment of California's 38 Congressional districts this year, and probably not until 1971, which is the normal year for redistricting.

Before the federal courts got into the reapportionment act as a result of the "one man-one vote" decision of the United States Supreme Court, California provided for redistricting its assembly, senate, and congressional districts once every 10 years, in the legislative session just after the decennial census.

However, the legislature accomplished a senatorial reapportionment mid-way between the 1960 and 1970 census rather than having the federal court effectuate reapportionment, and in doing so, it destroyed the area-population concept of representation established by the 1931 reapportionment.

THE LEGISLATURE, however, took no mid-stream action on reapportioning the Congressional districts, so this was pressed this year by the proponents of equal representation in the Congress.

Consultants for the senate elections and reapportionment committee headed by Sen. James E. Mills, D-San Diego, went to great lengths to prepare a new map of population of 4.96 per cent, which is about as close as can be obtained.

However, a group of senators in caucus decided to support a resolution by Senator Hugh M. Burns, D-Fresno, delaying a redistricting measure. The resolution said in part:

"If the legislature were now to undertake a reapportionment of congressional districts based on the 1960 census, the result might well be the creation of population disparities of even greater magnitude than now exist."

IN ADDITION, legislation is pending in Congress which would delay congressional reapportionment until after the 1970 census. While the 1970 figures would be available during that year, they probably would be too late in the year for action at the 1970 session, which would mean that actual voting in reapportioned district would not be effective until 1972.

Senator Burns expects a suit to be filed in federal court seeking a forced reapportionment this year. However, he said he is depending on the practicality of the matter for favorable action of the courts.

Any action before the 1970 census figures are available, it was pointed out, would not only be meaningless insofar as equal representation is concerned, but also would constitute an unnecessary expense to the taxpayer.

Restaurant Safe Open, Thief Flees With \$3,000

A ransacking thief found \$3,000 to \$4,000 in cash and checks in an office drawer of the Parosol Restaurant, 2690 Pacific Coast Hwy., during an early morning burglary Wednesday.

Although a safe in the office was not disturbed, the suspect took the receipts including cash, checks and travelers checks after prying off a rear window in the establishment.

Owner Harry Prodromides told police he found the office in a mess with papers and drawers dumped in the search for valuables. Police also said the burglar used the desk drawer to carry his loot from the building.

Acquire Firm

Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. of Chicago, Ill., and Torrance, has signed an agreement to acquire operating assets of San Fernando Laboratories, Inc. The Pacoima firm has annual sales of about \$500,000, principally to the Energy Commission.

Lutherans To Sponsor Beach Party

The Walther League of Ascension Lutheran Church, 17910 Prairie Ave., will sponsor a beach party today at Playa Del Rey.

The local group will join members of the Walther League at the First Lutheran Church of Manhattan Beach.

In addition, a monthly sports night is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Redondo Beach.

Bids Opened

SACRAMENTO—The State Department of Water Resources has opened a low bid of \$2,293,000 from Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., San Francisco, for furnishing and installing pumps at Wind Gap pumping plant of the State Water Project.

The Wind Gap plant is being constructed in Kern County, about 30 miles south of Bakersfield and about two miles west of Wheeler Ridge.

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FERRARO said the city will be in close communication with Sheriff Peter J. Piteches and with the Los Angeles County Marshal's Office.

Mayor Albert Isen told the Press-Herald Friday that the group would be allowed to demonstrate without restrictions "as long as they stay within legal bounds."

"If they intend any illegalities," he said, "they'll find out how tough Torrance is."

Under city ordinances, the License Review Board may grant or refuse the permit and it may impose reasonable restraints upon the group, Ferraro said.

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